

Brampton Excelsiors Lacrosse Club Special Meeting of the Membership Minutes

Thursday March 30, 2023



Attendance:

Members

Matt Bowman
Glenn McClelland
Bob Burke
Dean McLeod
Ziggy Musial
Don Arthurs
Ron Evans
Keith Slinger
Steve McCullough
Bob Boddam
Jeff Bowman
Ken Archdekin

Mark Evans (via Zoom)
Tony Bennet (via Zoom)
Clint Nickerson (via Zoom)
Brian Beisel (via Zoom)
Zenny Lipinski (proxy via Don Arthurs)
Joe Musial (proxy via Don Arthurs)
Reg Ewles (proxy via Don Arthurs)
Doug Whillans (proxy via Don Arthurs)
Jim Silva (proxy via Don Arthurs)
Bruce Wanless (proxy via Don Arthurs)

Vote count: 22

Guests:

Mary McLeod

Call to order at 7:04 pm.

President's Remarks:

- Welcome to everyone, first order of business concerns the standing of three members.
- Board was given a directive at the AGM by the membership to work with Don Arthurs to resolve outstanding issues in order to return Ziggy, Wendy, and Trevor to good standing with the club.
- Received a few things over the first few months.
- Executive held a meeting with the members in question and Don on March 20th to confirm all outstanding documents. Main concern were the financials, need them to apply for grants, lottery licence and other things.
- After 18 months of not cooperating, financials were turned over within 48 hours.
- None of the financial statements have been audited, contrary to repeated claims.
- 2015-2019 were bare bones statements, no supporting documentation. 2020-2021 included supporting documents.
- Some issues were still outstanding, but Executive Committee agreed the minimum requirements had been met, club is now able to continue moving forward.
- All three members have been returned to good standing with eh BELC.
- Hope they will continue to work with the Board in good faith going forward.
- Don thanks Matt for communicating between the two groups and arranging the meeting.
- Main reason for this meeting is to induct new Life Members to the club. Glenn turns over to Bob Burke, chair of the Nomination Committee.

Nomination Committee:

- Bob review criteria for Life Membership as set out in the new Governing Documents.
- The Committee looked at character traits of each nominee.
- Inductees will receive a lapel pin, game pass, and a certificate.
- Categories looked at were Builder, Player, and Veteran.
- Club currently has 140 members. 137 of them were inducted prior to 2012, only 3 new members since then.
- Thank you to everyone who took the time to submit nominations. Those not inducted this year will be carried over for consideration next year and in the future. Nearly everyone on the list was very deserving.
- Thank you to Barry and Dean for their time and effort on the Committee. Glenn attended as well as Ad Hoc member of the Committee, Matt attended to advise on procedure and criteria.
- Numerous discussions, list was not taken lightly, roughly 100 nominees put forward.
- Forty names have been recommended for induction this year by the Committee. Nine are posthumous.
- Special thanks to Mark Evans for digging into the clubs past to find people not yet recognized.
- This is the first time the membership has gotten to vote on the new members.

- Matt clarifies that this is the 2022 class of inductees, as the induction was delayed from the AGM (in accordance with the Governing Documents) due to the introduction of new criteria and voting system.

Motion to accept the slate of nominees as recommended by the Nomination Committee.

Motion: Dean

Second: Don

Discussion

- Jeff asks if a requirement for players to be retired should be considered in the future. It is required for Brampton Sports Hall of Fame inductions.
- Bob does not feel it is the same as a HOF induction. Builders are continually active just as players are, but there is non requirement.
- Glenn confirms idea was discussed at a meeting, Committee agreed against it, and that it is a good way to keep players engaged.
- Jeff agrees and thanks Bob/Glenn for consideration.
- Discussion on charging entry fee for games; this many new members may eliminate a lot of potential gate fees.
- We want to make the club more inclusive and encourage engagement. The free pass helps do this.
- We need to get butts in seats. Potential sponsors seeing large crowds at games could lead to much more money than admission.
- Ziggy requests more information about a number of nominees.
- Bob believes prior to the AGM (next class of inductees), basic profiles should be included for each nominee so that members have more information ahead of time.
- Tony commends Committee for hard work and diligence in compiling this list.
- Ziggy questions if Paddy O'Toole should be reclassified from Player to Builder. Committee will reconsider classifications prior to publishing list.
- Brian raises concerns that, although all nominees are deserving, some who were left off the list may be more deserving than those on the list, should have been prioritized.
- With such a large number of nominations, selection was difficult, list is not perfect, but another large group will be inducted for 2023.
- Ken suggests that in the future if a limit is put on annual inductions, or a target number is set, that any posthumous inductions not be counted towards that total, to allow for more living members to be inducted.
- Keith makes suggestion to display the names and information in the lobby at Memorial.
- Further discussion on similar methods of recognition including social media, pre game ceremony, and gameday lineup sheets.
- Matt needs to gather a few more emails of nominees as not all nominations included contact info. Will discuss with Bob and Glenn exactly how to inform new members.
- Glenn thanks Committee again for their hard work, thanks Tony and Mark each for significant contributions.

Vote on pending motion:

CARRIED

-Thanks to everyone for coming out and giving their input tonight.

Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Jeff

Second: Bob Burke

CARRIED

Adjournment: 7:57 pm

Next regularly schedule meeting of the membership will be 2023 AGM in October. Date and location TBD.